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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES  
AND WILDLIFE**

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*CARRIED OVER* ..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature  
*CON RES XXX* ..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE* ..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES* ..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE* ..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT* ..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY* ..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT* ..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR* ..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW* ..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP* ..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X* ..... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX* ..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX* ..... chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX* ..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED* ..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

*Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

**LD 911      An Act To Increase Revenue for the ATV Recreational Management Fund**

**VETO  
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRIGGS PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-290

This bill increases all-terrain vehicle registration fees by \$5, which increase must be deposited in the ATV Recreational Management Fund.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-290)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 930      An Act To Subject a Motorboat with a Certificate of Number from Another Jurisdiction to the Annual Registration Fee**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C COLLINS	ONTP	

This bill subjects a motorboat with a certificate of number issued by another jurisdiction that is in the State for an excess of 30 consecutive days to the annual fee paid for motorboats with a certificate of number issued by this State.

**LD 931      An Act To Prevent Fish Kills and To Allow for Recreational Use of Sebago Lake**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW PLUMMER		

This bill establishes water flow requirements for a dam and bypass area that controls the water level of Sebago Lake and the flows entering the Presumpscot River to prevent fish kills and to allow for recreational use of public access to Sebago Lake.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 932      An Act To Promote Fishing by Youth**

**PUBLIC 380**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PEASE THIBODEAU	OTP-AM	H-117 S-345    HILL

This bill eliminates the requirement for a general nonresident junior fishing license for youths 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, so that all youths under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license, whether they are a resident or not.

## *Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-117)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

### **Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-345)**

This amendment delays the effective date of the provisions of the bill until January 1, 2015.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 380 eliminates the requirement for a general nonresident junior fishing license for youths 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, so that, all youths under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license, whether they are a resident or not. The provisions of this bill are effective January 1, 2015.

### **LD 970      An Act To Eliminate Funding To Reduce Deer Predation**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DICKERSON	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill eliminates funding to control deer predation.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-362)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, eliminates funding to control deer predation. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to redirect all money provided to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for predator control, including funds contained in the Maine Deer Management Fund, to deer habitat enhancement.

### **LD 1005      An Act To Assist Hunters Transporting Animals for Registration**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK HASKELL	ONTP	

This bill changes the requirements for the condition of a big game animal before being presented for registration. It allows for transporting dismembered carcasses if certain criteria are met.

### **LD 1015      An Act To Expand Crossbow Hunting**

**PUBLIC 236**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOOD	OTP-AM	H-274

This bill allows a person to hunt any wild bird or animal with a crossbow during any open season on that bird or animal and removes the restriction against using a crossbow within 100 feet of a dwelling.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-274)**